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Serial No. 09/748,974 ✓)
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RE MELTING OF GLASS)

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US 3,049, 754, US 4,643,750, WO 96/38392, FR. 1 208 547, BE 433 555, and BE 489119 were cited in a Search Report for corresponding European Application No. 00 12 5336 dated April 5, 2001.

U.S. Patents No. 3,055,050 and 3,055,051 are the English language equivalents of FR 1 208 547. U.S. Patent No. 2,286,653 is the English language equivalent of BE 433 555.

The following comments are provided by Applicants' German attorney:

Regarding BE 489 119 A, there are balls introduced in a funnel, after they have been distributed by the distributing means. The balls form a continuing column, as may be seen from the figures. The lower end of the funnel contacts the container with the melt, for example a glass melt.

The lower part of the column of balls rests on a glass material, which is colder than the further material in the container. Therefore, the column is held in a stable condition. Additionally, the lower balls are melted in the container.

The container comprises at his bottom a plurality of openings through which the melted glass flows out in a smooth flow.

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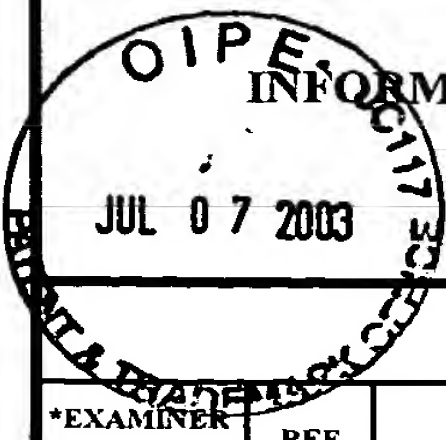
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